

HOW DO THEY DO THAT?

This month's tutorial is by a very sweet lady, Corina Mendoza of California. I had the pleasure of meeting her and her family when I was out there doing a class last fall. She showed me her beautiful peacock cake and I asked her if she would do a tutorial on the feathers, she graciously said yes and here it is!

How to make a peacock feather

What you need:

Leaf cutter ([Leaf Cutters Fancy](#)) The biggest one is aprox. 4 in. tall 2 1/2 wide, the middle one is 3 inches tall 2 inches wide, smallest 2 inches tall 1 inch wide)

Rolling pin ([XXL cel pin](#))

Foam Pad ([Foam Pad](#))

Various colors of Luster Dust **Look under our dust section, luster dust**

Gum paste **We now carry prepackaged [Bakel's gumpaste.](#)**

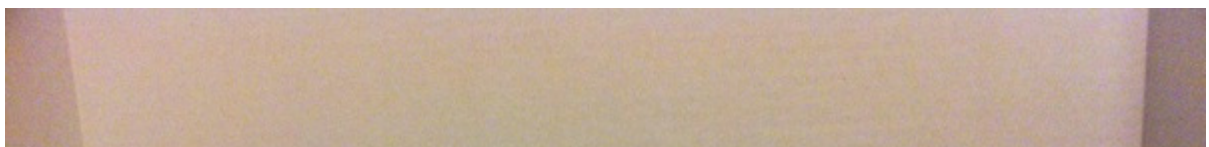
Paint brushes

Vodka/lemon extract (mix with luster dust for painting)

[Dresden tool](#)

[Scissors](#)

Also, you will need some foam or paper towels to lay your feathers on in order to give them some gentle shape as they dry.





1. Knead gum paste and roll out thin. Cut out feathers with a cutter.



3. With your scissors, cut all along the leaf to give it a feathered look. Make sure you cut the little leaf stem off, which is located at the base of your gum paste leaf.



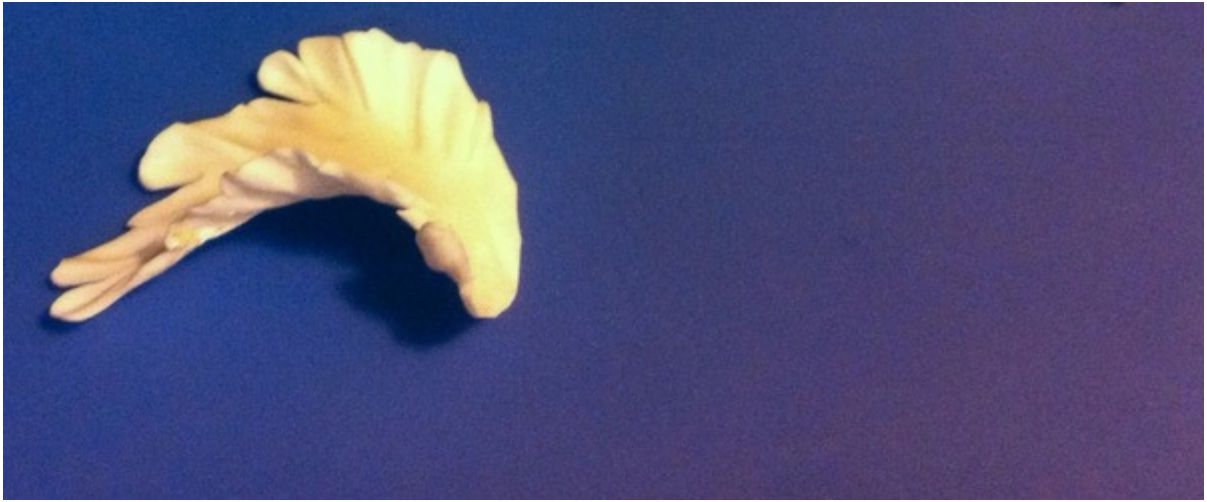
4. Place your feathers on your foam pad. Using the dresden/veining tool add lines all the way around, starting from the inside and pulling to the outside edge. Doing this helps create dimension to your feathers, as it also softens up the edges.





5. Lay your feathers over a bit of foam or balled up paper towel to dry. The foam/paper will help make them look more natural.





6. Once the the feathers are dry, lay out your palette of luster dusts and a little bit of your vodka or lemon extract. And begin brushing in the color. I started from the outside working my way in. Brush in the colors you want. The sky is the limit!



And.... drumroll please..... wha LA! A beautiful peacock cake!





Thank you SO much for sharing with all of us Corina!! Remember, if **YOU** have something you would like to share, please e-mail me your thought or picture. We may just feature your work and we pay you a \$25.00 (gift certificate) for your efforts. E-mail me at: Jennifer@SugarDelites.com